

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) ~~The trailer stabilizing device of claim 4, A trailer-~~
stabilizing device operably extending between a towing vehicle and a fifth-wheel trailer,
said trailer-stabilizing device having:

_____ a linkage extendable between said towing vehicle and said trailer;

_____ an engaged position in which said linkage extends between said fifth-wheel
trailer and said towing vehicle to apply a dampening force to the fifth-wheel trailer,

_____ a disengaged position in which the linkage is disconnected between said towing
vehicle and said fifth-wheel trailer;

_____ a regulator for commanding the trailer-stabilizing device between said engaged
position and said disengaged position; and,

wherein said linkage includes:

an arm pivotally secured to a base;

a wheel rotatably secured toward a distal end of said arm; and,

said wheel operably engages a ramp extending from said trailer when said
trailer-stabilizing device is in said engaged position.

9. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 8, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device is in said engaged position when said towing vehicle and said trailer are traveling substantially straight.

10. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 8, wherein said wheel disengages said ramp when said trailer is in said disengaged position.

11. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 10, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device is in said disengaged position when said towing vehicle and said trailer are turning.

12. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 8, wherein said dampening force is provided by a pneumatic chamber operably secured to said trailer-stabilizing device.

13. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 12, wherein said pneumatic chamber is substantially flexible.

14. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 12, wherein said pneumatic chamber is a pneumatic cylinder.

15. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 10, wherein said regulator includes a pressure relief valve that activates when a predefined upper pressure is achieved in the pneumatic chamber.

16. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 15, wherein said regulator includes a manually actuated pressure relief valve.

17. (currently amended) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 16, wherein:
said manually actuated pressure relief valve has a control handle;
and said towing vehicle has a driver's compartment;
and said control handle is positioned within said driver's compartment so that a driver of the vehicle may activate the control handle from within said driver's compartment.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) ~~The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 18, A trailer-~~
stabilizing device operably extending between a pick-up truck and a fifth-wheel trailer,
said trailer-stabilizing device having:

a linkage extendable between said pick-up truck and said trailer;

an engaged position in which said linkage extends between said fifth-wheel
trailer and said pick-up truck to apply a dampening force to the fifth-wheel trailer,

a disengaged position in which the linkage is disconnected between said pickup-
up truck and said fifth-wheel trailer;

a regulator for commanding the trailer-stabilizing device between said engaged
position and said disengaged position; and,

wherein said linkage has a stored position wherein said trailer-stabilizing device does
not extend between said towing vehicle and said trailer; and,

said linkage is pivotally secured to said towing vehicle and pivoted upward away
from said trailer in said stored position.

20. (original) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 19, wherein said linkage may
be secured in said stored position.

21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) A trailer-stabilizing device extending between a pick-
up truck and a fifth-wheel trailer, said pick-up truck having a rear end with a receiver
secured thereto, said trailer-stabilizing device detachably secured to said receiver and
having:

a dampener operably connected to said pick-up truck and said fifth-wheel trailer,
said dampener having an engaged position in which said dampener applies a
dampening force to the fifth wheel trailer,

said dampener having a disengaged position in which the dampening force is not
substantially applied to the fifth-wheel trailer; and,

a regulator for commanding the dampener between said engaged position and
said disengaged position.

23. (previously presented) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 22, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device includes a linkage extending between said pick-up truck and said fifth-wheel trailer.

24. (previously presented) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 23, wherein said linkage is substantially a four bar linkage.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) ~~The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 25,~~ A trailer-stabilizing device extending between a pick-up truck and a fifth-wheel trailer, said trailer-stabilizing device having:

an engaged position in which said trailer-stabilizing device operably engages said fifth-wheel trailer and said pick-up truck to apply a dampening force to the trailer,

a disengaged position in which the dampening force is not substantially applied to the fifth-wheel trailer;

a regulator for commanding the trailer-stabilizing device between said engaged position and said disengaged position;

said trailer-stabilizing device secured between the pick-up truck and the fifth-wheel trailer at a position spaced apart from a hitch connecting the towing vehicle to the trailer; and,

wherein said pick-up truck has a rear end with a receiver secured thereto, and said trailer-stabilizing device is detachably secured to said receiver.

27. (currently amended) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim ~~25~~26, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device includes a linkage extending between said ~~towing vehicle~~ pick-up truck and said trailer.

28. (currently amended) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim ~~25~~27, wherein said linkage is substantially a four bar linkage.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) ~~The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 29,~~ A trailer-stabilizing device extending between a pick-up truck and a fifth-wheel trailer, said trailer-stabilizing device having:

an engaged position in which said trailer-stabilizing device operably engages said fifth-wheel trailer and said pick-up truck to apply a dampening force to the trailer,

a disengaged position in which the dampening force is not substantially applied to the fifth-wheel trailer; and,

a regulator for commanding the trailer-stabilizing device between said engaged position and said disengaged position;

wherein the trailer has a main cabin, and said dampening force is a substantially downward force applied by the trailer-stabilizing device to the main cabin.; and,

wherein said pick-up truck has a rear end with a receiver secured thereto, and said trailer-stabilizing device is detachably secured to said receiver.

31. (currently amended) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 29~~30~~, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device includes a linkage extending between said ~~towing vehicle~~ pick-up truck and said trailer.

32. (currently amended) ~~The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 29,~~ A trailer-stabilizing device extending between a pick-up truck and a fifth-wheel trailer, said trailer-stabilizing device having:

an engaged position in which said trailer-stabilizing device operably engages said fifth-wheel trailer and said pick-up truck to apply a dampening force to the trailer,

a disengaged position in which the dampening force is not substantially applied to the fifth-wheel trailer; and,

a regulator for commanding the trailer-stabilizing device between said engaged position and said disengaged position;

wherein the trailer has a main cabin, and said dampening force is a substantially downward force applied by the trailer-stabilizing device to the main cabin.; and,

wherein said linkage is substantially a four bar linkage.

33. (new) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 32, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device is in said engaged position when said towing vehicle and said trailer are traveling substantially straight.

34. (new) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 32, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device is in said disengaged position when said towing vehicle and said trailer are turning.

35. (new) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 32, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device is in said engaged position when said towing vehicle and said trailer are traveling substantially straight.

36. (new) The trailer-stabilizing device of claim 32, wherein said trailer-stabilizing device is in said disengaged position when said towing vehicle and said trailer are turning.